

Report on PLPCO Activities – May 2019 Interim Session

Wild Horses and Burrows

- PLPCO working with members of congress and stakeholders towards a solutions they're calling "A Path Forward"
- Appropriations language current moving through House Appropriations Committee
- DNR and UDAF working on plan for feral horse roundup in Uintah Basin this summer, using funds appropriated to PLPCO

Monument Management Plans

- Monument Management Plans for both Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument are nearing the release of the "proposed plans"
- PLPCO was generally pleased with the preferred alternatives in both draft plans
- BLM currently waiting to present the GSENM "proposed plan" to the BLM RAC
- Bears Ears Advisory Council is now set, BLM will present "proposed plan" at Advisory Council's first meeting on June 5-6

Emery County Lands Bill

- Braden Sheppard from PLPCO assigned to four month detail at BLM to help implement the Emery County Lands Bill (and Uintah County provisions of the Bill)
- PLPCO to work closely with BLM to ensure that implementation of the Bill follows congressional intent and incorporates local perspectives

Other Planning Efforts

- Governor recently submitted petition to USDA for a Utah-specific Roadless Rule, ~~PLPCO now waiting for response from Sec. Perdue that could launch rulemaking~~
- PLPCO continues to work with the Forest Service to develop new plans for the Ashley and Manti – La Sal National Forests
- PLPCO working with the BLM to develop Travel Management Plans required by the BLM's Settlement Agreement with SUWA

Legal Interventions

- BLM is facing a tremendous volume of litigation from environmental groups seeking to shut down oil and gas leasing, rotational grazing, vegetation treatments, etc.
- PLPCO plans to intervene in many of these lawsuits to defend the BLM's actions
- Potential cases for intervention include: Duck Creek grazing case, Friends of Cedar Mesa oil leasing case, Alton Coal case, Skutumpah Terrace Vegetation Treatment case

Utah Wilderness Act

- Nothing has been proposed under the Utah Wilderness Act